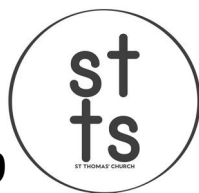


# The st thomas' story

for week commencing 1st September 2019



## Today's story @ 10.30 Morning Worship

"Created, Commanded, and Compelled to....Sing" David McCarthy is preaching. Communion will be offered during the service. Tea and coffee will be served after the service in the Main Hall.

There is a Prayer Team at the end of the service, at the seats by the pulpit steps. Please come forward for prayer, either for yourself or for others. Someone will be pleased to pray with you or for you.

PrayerBase meets tonight at 6.30pm in the Sanctuary. We meet as a congregation to pray for our church, our Mission partners, the weekend event next Saturday and the needs of our Congregation. Please join us.

Lighthouse groups meet as follows: Our Cr che (0-3yrs) room is available throughout the service (downstairs). Sparklers (3 - P2) meet downstairs in the Crypt. Spotlight (P3-P6) meets in the lower Lennon Rooms and Fusion (P7-S3) will meet in Youth Room upstairs in Lennon Rooms.

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## Other News



PrayerBase MEETS TONIGHT at 6.30pm – 7.30pm in the Sanctuary.

Finance figures for the 10 months to July 2019 are available on the table at the back of church

Programme cards for September to December '19 are available on the table at back of church.

### Ministry with Children on Sunday Mornings at St T's

We need helpers in every age group. For example:

One person is needed to lead Sparklers (3year olds to P1)  
once a month Fusion (p7- s2/3 at school ) – we could do with two new leaders until our new Young Person's Pastoral Worker is appointed.  
Further information from Jeremy Southam ([jerms@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jerms@blueyonder.co.uk))  
or Hilary Robinson ([hilary000@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hilary000@hotmail.co.uk))

We have a few vacancies in the Welcome Team from 1<sup>st</sup> September – if you enjoy chatting to folk then this could be for you! It's a vital and much-appreciated part of St Thomas' Sundays as we make visitors and newcomers welcome. Please contact Angela and Sandy Benzies if you want more information.

Mums and Tots meet this Tuesday in the Gyle Hall at 10.30am.  
New members are welcome. Speak to Hilary Robinson for further details.

Coffee Plus resumes on Thursday morning at 10.00am in the Main Hall.  
Join us for tea/coffee and cakes. Please come along – all welcome.



Youth Alpha – We are running a "Youth Alpha" course from Tuesday 3 September in the Lennon Rooms 7pm–8.30pm. All young people welcome. For more details contact Dave McCarthy ([david@saintthomas.org.uk](mailto:david@saintthomas.org.uk) or 07411 236 433



Today's flowers are provided  
by Delia and Rob Hyder and  
arranged by a member of the Flower Team

Saturday 7th September 10.00am – 3.00pm Andy Lines and his wife Mandy join us as a congregation as we seek the Lord together and dream some dreams for the future. Bring your own lunch. See insert with details of day. In a sentence, what does being part of a Christian community mean to you? We are making a short video for 7th September and would love to have your input – if you would you be willing to give us your response on video please speak to Angela immediately after the service. Thank you.

## Other stories for your information and diaries

PLEASE NOTE THE DIFFERENT TIME FOR FAMILY FIRST ON SATURDAY – WE ARE STARTING WITH COFFEE AND CRAFT AT 5.00

Family first resumes on September 7th at 5.00 to look at the topic of 'Back to ..' We will be meeting in the main hall for some coffee and craft, a family message, and sharing some food together.

All families are most welcome – if you're new to the church please do come and join us.

Please let Julie or Claire know if you are planning coming along in order to help with catering. [julie.fairhurst@talk21.com](mailto:julie.fairhurst@talk21.com)

Corstorphine Churches together Open Mike Night 7pm St Thomas' Church Sanctuary. More details from Duncan Whitty 07849851231 or on notice board in corridor

Next Sunday 8th September we meet at 10.30am. Bishop Andy Lines is preaching following our congregational meeting.

Embrace service is on Sunday 8th September at 5.00pm – "Life In All Its Fullness" John 10: 10

Christmas Day Lunch 2019 Sorry for raising this, but Christmas is coming! Dave & Ali are thinking that they'd like to host a Christmas Day lunch in the church hall. They have done this before and it is a great way to celebrate together on a day which is not always easy. This would be for everyone interested – families, singles & couples.

In order to gauge interest we need to know if you would come. If this appeals please let Dave & Ali know at [david@saintthomas.org.uk](mailto:david@saintthomas.org.uk). If there is enough interest, we'll begin planning in earnest.

*However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" the things God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Corinthians 2:9*

*Dearest Lord,  
teach me to be generous;  
teach me to serve You as You deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labour and not to ask for reward  
save that of knowing I am doing Your Will.*

Ignatius Loyola

## **For our prayers this week**

For St T's:

For next Saturday's day together when we will pray, listen and talk together about our future – that the Holy Spirit will inspire and guide us. That Jesus will be our focus and that He will be exalted.

For discernment as we seek a new Young Person's Pastoral Worker.

Give thanks for next weekend's visit of Bishop Andy Lines and his wife, Mandy – pray for them as they seek the Lord and offer care to churches like St T's all over Europe.

Pray for those who are unwell, seeking medical help or awaiting surgery – for good care and outcomes.

For the nations:

Pray for the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson as he leads the UK government – that there will be a growing desire for consensus and that ways out of the political impasse with Europe and domestic politicians will be found. Pray for peace.

Pray for those nations which disappear from the news when domestic matters dominate – remember the war in Syria, the attempts to find lasting peace in Afghanistan, the tensions between Pakistan and India.

